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**Police operation leads to arrests, removal of illegal campsites**

The Kaua'i Police Department's Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (FAST) conducted a special mission on Monday in the Līhu'e and Kapa'a areas, which led to arrests, the removal of illegal campsites and the removal of abandoned property.

In Līhu'e, eight subjects were arrested for 12 outstanding warrants, totaling \$35,325 in bail.

The team, along with officers from the state Department of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) and county park rangers, also removed several illegal campsites and two truckloads of abandoned property in the Kapa'a area near Lihi Park.

"The area in and around Lihi Park has been a top concern for our police department as we have received numerous complaints from the community, many of whom expressed they felt unsafe in the area," said Kaua'i Police Chief Darryl Perry. "I commend the FAST team, DOCARE, and our park rangers for their hard work to keep our community safe."



The above photo shows a KPD officer and a county park ranger gathering abandoned items during KPD's special operation on Monday.



As part of KPD's special operation on Monday, the FAST team, DOCARE officers, and county park rangers removed several illegal camp sites from the Kapa'a area near Lihi Park.

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